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FYI USG has no hard evidence GOG refused Soviet requests for landing

permission on flights to Havana during Cuban crisis. However, shortly after

outbreak of crisis, high Guinean official xhxxx stated GOG had no

intention granting Soviets transit or overflight rights for Cuba or

South America and indicated formal note to Soviets this effect being

drafted, basing refusal primarily on technical grounds such as lack

fx fuel and meteorological equipment. GOG did permit several Soviet

flights to Brazil in connection with picking up body Soviet txixxx

Ambassador. At least one Soviet IL-18 destined Havana got as far as

Rabat but had to turn back apparently because onward rights to Cuba

not received from countries en route. Transit stop for one TU-114

                                                during crisis,
and possibly others requested from Senegal,/xx presumably when GOG

refused requests or made it clear requests would not be approved.

Senegal govt reported that fact GOG had instituted total prohibition

Soviet flights to Cuba had been important element in Senegal determination

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take similar action. xxxx noted that after about Oct 24 GOG had

sufficient jet fuel to refuel Bloc flights to Cuba if it so desired.

This info should not be given GOL. Embassy Conakry may wish supplement
above End FYI

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